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1. OHBAYASHI-GUMI AND GERSON & SONS NOT BIDDING ON THIS PROJECT.
2. PREBIDDING CONFERENCE HELD JULY 27 ATTENDED BY ADMIN COUNSELOR, CONTRACTING OFFICER, FBO SUPERVISOR AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THAI YONG PHANICH AND CHRISTIANI & NIELSEN COMPANIES.
3. BOTH PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS REQUIRE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS AND/OR CHANGES IN BID FORM (DS-1718), GENERAL CONDITIONS (DS-1719), DRAWINGS AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:
 - A. THAI YONG PHANICH ESTIMATES ONE YEAR MINIMUM COMPLETION TIME. CHRISTIANI & NIELSEN STATES 7 MONTHS SUFFICIENT TIME PROVIDED (1) IMPORTED WF SECTIONS AND PLATES ARRIVE IN BANGKOK WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER CONTRACT IS AWARDED, OR (2) IF WF SECTIONS REVISED TO BUILT-UP SECTIONS AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 3G.
 - B. GOVERNMENT TO SPECIFY AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR INSURANCE AGAINST PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE RE ARTICLE 4 GENERAL CONDITIONS. BOTH BIDDERS WILLING OBTAIN INSURANCE UP TO TEN MILLION BAHT. PREMIUM IS ONE-HALF PERCENT, OR APPROXIMATELY 2500 DOLLARS.

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C. SPECIFY LIQUIDATED DAMAGES, RE ARTICLE 12 GENERAL CONDITIONS. RECOMMEND \$100 PER DAY.

D. BOTH CONTRACTORS STATED TO-DATE THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY

RESPONSE FROM U.S. SUPPLIERS ON THEIR REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS ON STRUCTURAL STEEL. CHRISTIANI & NIELSEN INQUIRED FROM LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPANESE STEEL SUPPLIER BUT THEY REFUSED TO QUOTE. SUPPLIERS REFUSAL TO QUOTE OR LACK OF RESPONSE MAY BE DUE TO SMALL QUANTITIES OF STRUCTURAL STEEL INVOLVED AND/OR UNCERTAINTIES DUE PRICE INCREASES. BIDDERS REQUEST FBO/W ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN QUOTATIONS FROM U.S., IF U.S. PRODUCTS REQUIRED, OTHERWISE THEY WILL TRY OTHER SOURCES.

E. DEPT REQUESTED OBTAIN QUOTATIONS CIF BANGKOK, AND DELIVERY DATE FOR FOLLOWING STRUCTURAL SHAPES AND PLATES ACCORDANCE ASTM-A36. QUOTATIONS WILL BE PASSED ON TO BIDDERS:

32 EACH WF 27 X 177 X 16.40 M LONG
2 EACH WF 27 X 177 X 17.60M
2 EACH - DO - X 18.50M
3 EACH WF 14 X 342 X 16.40M
3 EACH - DO - X 16.50M
3 EACH - DO - X 17.00M
85 EACH WF 8 X 58 X 1.06M
1 EACH - DO - X 2.25M
1 EACH WF 10 X 100 X 6.00M

50 MT MILE STEEL PLATE 3/4"
10 MT - DO - 1"
10 MT - DO - 3"
30 MT - DO - 1 1/2"
6 MT - DO - 1/2"
4 MT ANGLES 1/4" X 4" X 4" X 6.00M

FOR MILD STEEL PLATES, CONTRACTORS PREFER 5 X 20 FT. SHEETS IF AVAILABLE, OTHERWISE WILL USE 5 X 10 FT OR 4 X 8 FT SHEETS. ADD FIVE PERCENT ALLOWANCE FOR WASTE TO TOTAL TONNAGE OF WF SECTIONS AND TEN PERCENT TO PLATES.

F. RE PARA D, IF NO AMERICAN QUOTE POSSIBLE ON STEEL, CONTRACTORS REQUEST WAIVER ARTICLES 25 AND 27 OF GENERAL CONDITIONS RELATING UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BUY AMERICAN AND U.S. FLAG TRANSPORTATION PROVISIONS.

G. IF STRUCTURAL STEEL CANNOT BE OBTAINED FROM U.S. OR FOREIGN SUPPLIERS, BIDDERS SUGGEST REVISE DESIGN TO SUBSTITUTE WF SECTIONS WITH BUILT-UP SECTIONS. STEEL PLATES TO BE EITHER IMPORTED OR PURCHASED LOCALLY AND FABRICATED LOCALLY. CONTRACTORS STATED THEY HAVE QUALIFIED WELDERS TO PERFORM WELDING WORK ACCORDANCE AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY STANDARDS. IF DEPT APPROVES SUGGESTED DESIGN REVISION ABOVE, RECOMMEND CONTRACTOR SUBMIT BIDS FOR BOTH LOCAL PURCHASED STEEL PLATES TO BE FABRICATED LOCALLY, AND IMPORTED PLATES ALSO TO BE FABRICATED LOCALLY, TO DETERMINE PRICE DIFFERENCE.

H. REFER TO GENERAL NOTE 11 ON DRAWING F-1, AND SECTION 6 (PILING) ITEM 23 (PILE HAMMER AND DRIVING CRITERIA) OF SPECIFICATIONS. BIDDERS WILL NOT AGREE TO DRIVE PILES 100 BLOWS FOR LAST FOOT AND HAMMER DROPPED FROM HEIGHT OF 8 FEET. THEY CLAIM THIS HAS NEVER BEEN DONE IN THAILAND, PILES MAY BE DAMAGED AND MAY CREATE TOO MUCH VIBRATION AND MAY CAUSE UNUSUAL OR SUDDEN SETTLEMENT OF OLD BUILDING. COMMON PRACTICE HERE IS TO DROP HAMMER ABOUT 2 FEET ONLY. FOB/BK DID REQUIRE A MAXIMUM OF 4 FEET HIGH HAMMER DROP DURING DRIVING 90-FOOT PRESTRESSED CONCRETE PILES AT DTS TRANSMITTER FACILITY BUILDING IN 1970 WITHOUT DAMAGING PILE.

I. SECTION 6 (PILING) ITEMS 5(2) AND 9 (PILE LENGTHS) OF SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRE AN UNSPLICED LENGTH PILE OF 21 METERS QUOTE FOR GUIDANCE ONLY AND SHOULD BE INCREASED AS NECESSARY TO REACH THE SPECIFIED DRIVING UNQUOTE. BIDDERS COMPLAINED IT IS DIFFICULT TO BID ON THIS BASIS BECAUSE TOTAL PILE LENGTH IS UNKNOWN. THEY RECOMMEND AND FBO/BK CONCURS THAT 21 METER LONG PILE BE ESTABLISHED AS BASIC LENGTH FOR BIDDING PURPOSES. ALSO, UNIT PRICES PER FOOT OF PILE DRIVEN LENGTH TO BE INDICATED BY BIDDERS FOR LENGTHS IN EXCESS OF AND/OR BELOW 21 METERS.

J. BIDDERS FURTHER RECOMMEND LOAD TESTING ONE 21-M LONG PILE TO AT LEAST TWICE DESIGNED CAPACITY OF 60 TONS. THIS IS IN LIEU OF SPECIFIED DRIVING, I.E., 10 BLOWS FOR LAST FOOT WITH HAMMER DROP 8 FEET HIGH. TO AVOID DELAY IN PILE DRIVING, 21M PILES MAY BE ORDERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER AWARD CONTRACT. T UNCLASSIFIED

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LEAST FOUR ONE-INCH DIA X 2M LONG DOWELS SHOULD BE IMBEDDED AT FOUR CORNERS AT UPPER END OF PILE. THESE DOWELS CAN BE USEFUL IF IT IS FOUND NECESSARY TO DRIVE PILES BEYOND 21-M DEPTH.

K. INSPECTION OF SITE BY CONTRACTORS INDICATED THAT SOME PILES LOCATED AT CORNERS IN EAST AND WEST COURTS CANNOT BE DRIVEN BY USING DRIVING RIG COMMONLY USED IN THAILAND. C RISTIANI & NIELSEN PROPOSES TO USE UNSPLICED 21-M PILES EXCEPT FOR 14 PIECES LOCATED AT CORNERS IN EAST AND WEST COURTS. THESE 14 PIECES WILL BE SPLICED 2-SECTION PILES. THAI YONG PHANICH PROPOSES TO USE UNSPLICED 21-M FOR FRONT (SOUTHERN) SIDE AND ALL SPLICED 2-SECTION PILES IN EAST AND WEST COURTS. BOTH WILL SUBMIT STRUCTURAL DESIGN ANALYSIS FOR SPLICED CONNECTION.

L. IN THE EVENT THAT SUDDEN OR UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OF BUILDING OCCURS THROUGH NO FAULT OF CONTRACTOR AND THAT CONTRACTOR IS INSTRUCTED TO STOP WORK FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD, THEY ASSUME THAT TIME EXTENSION WILL BE GRANTED. HOWEVER, THEY WANT TO KNOW IF AND HOW THEY WILL BE COMPENSATED FOR IDLE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, SUPERVISOR, WORKMEN, MATERIALS DELIVERED TO SITE AND/OR CONTRACTED FOR, ETC. WHILE WAITING FOR

GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS TO RESUME WORK.

M. IN VIEW INCREASING COSTS OF STEEL PRODUCTS, CEMENT, LUMBER, ETC., BIDDERS CANNOT COMMIT THEIR BID PRICES MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER CLOSING DATE OF BID. SHOULD PRICES OF MATERIALS DIFFER FROM BID PRICES AT TIME OF CONTRACT AWARD, BIDDERS WANT CONTRACT AMOUNT ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY. SINCE STEEL AND CEMENT ARE THE MOST CRITICAL MATERIALS, ESCALATOR CLAUSE IN CONTRACT, IF ALLOWED BY DEPT, SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THESE TWO MATERIALS. ALL OTHER PRICE INCREASES AT RISK OF CONTRACTOR.

N. REFER TO DRAWING F-1, W 27 X 177 BEAM LEFT OF LINE 25 WILL HIT STAIR BEARING WALL. RECOMMEND MOVE THIS BEAM FARTHER LEFT TO MISS BEARING WALL.

O. CONTRACTORS ESTIMATE THEY CAN POSSIBLY DRIVE ONLY TWO PILES PER DAY PER RIG. IT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME AS TO HOW MANY DRIVING RIGS THE CONTRACTOR WILL USE.

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4. RECOMMEND BID OPENING BE EXTENDED FROM AUGUST 9 TO AUGUST 23 TO PERMIT CONTRACTORS TO OBTAIN QUOTATIONS ON STEEL STRUCTURAL SHAPES AND PLATES AND WILL PERMIT DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS RAISED IN FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS.

5. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED SOONEST.
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